

## RI and National Employment Initiatives and Resources 2008

### MHRH/ORS Cooperative Agreement—Supported Employment Funding

State/Federal Match funds provide Supported Employment Services and innovations to increase employment of people with significant disabilities. Funding SE and SE Tier system

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### DD Supported Employment Council

Employment Directors, ORS, DDD, PAL, CPNRI and Sherlock Center staff meet 10 times per year to discuss strategies, barriers and resources to increase community employment of people with disabilities. 2 meetings are held jointly with the MHSEC

Coordinated by Vicki Ferrara, Sherlock Center on Disabilities, (401)456-8092 [vferrara@ric.edu](mailto:vferrara@ric.edu)

### MH Supported Employment Council

Employment Directors, RIACT 2, MTT ORS, MH and CCMHO staff meet every 6-8 weeks to discuss strategies, barriers and resources to increase community employment.

Coordinated by Tom Martin 462-6032 [TMartin@MHRH.ri.gov](mailto:TMartin@MHRH.ri.gov)

### Work Incentives Planning and Assistance

Review and evaluate SSI SSDI work incentives and earnings for the purpose of going to work.

Jeanne Fay, CWIC – 421-7005 x 405;

WIPA Brochure <http://www.ors.state.ri.us/Pdfiles/WIPA2.07.pdf>

Understanding how work affects SSI/SSDI Benefits <http://www.pal-ri.org/EIN/Work%20Incentives%20Orientation.pdf>

### Sherlock Center on Disabilities

Offers Technical Assistance, Supporting Meaningful Employment Certificate training, Workshops, *RI Employment Disability e-news*; Employment Library; A variety of Transition and Employment Resources

Contact Vicki Ferrara, 456-8092 [vferrara@ric.edu](mailto:vferrara@ric.edu) [www.sherlockcenter.org](http://www.sherlockcenter.org)

### PAL-Employment Information Network

Offers Person Centered Planning Facilitation, Supported Employment Speakers Bureau, Employment Peer Mentoring, YES assessment, Café Conversations workshop, Library

Contact Ken Renaud, 785-2100 <http://www.pal-ri.org/whatwedo.aspx?page=ein>

### Employer Service Network

A network of job developers sharing resources, strategies and job leads.

65 organizations, 135 job developers, monthly networking meeting, yahoo group

Contact Vicki Ferrara for more information (401) 456-8092; [vferrara@ric.edu](mailto:vferrara@ric.edu)

### NetWORKri

Disability Navigator available to assist job seekers and supports to access services available through DLT and netWC partners. For more information contact Vincent Rossi, 462-8905; [vrossi@networkri.org](mailto:vrossi@networkri.org)

**Rhodes to Independence-** a systems change initiative to increase employment of Rlrs with Disabilities  
[www.rhodestoindpendence.org](http://www.rhodestoindpendence.org)

## Regional and National Information and/or Training Resources

**Institute for Community Inclusion** <http://www.communityinclusion.org/index.php>

**NE-RCEP** - [www.nercep.org](http://www.nercep.org) Regional Employment Training and Technical Assistance resources

**T-TAP** – [www.t-tap.org](http://www.t-tap.org) Free topic specific training modules and downloadable fact sheets/articles

**State Employment Leadership Network- (SELN)** <http://www.seln.org>

**Worksupports and Job Retention (RRTC)-** <http://www.worksupport.com/>

**Office of Disability Employment Policy-Customized Employment** – Federal initiatives and fact sheets  
[http://www.dol.gov/odep/categories/workforce/cust\\_emp.htm](http://www.dol.gov/odep/categories/workforce/cust_emp.htm)

**Job Accommodation Network** - <http://www.jan.wvu.edu/> - ADA information ideas and resources to identify job accommodation:  
**TRN info line**- <http://www.trninc.com/> - newsletter and publications

**Diversity World** <http://www.diversityworld.com/> - newsletter by Denise Bissonnette

## National Associations

**APSE**the network on employment- <http://www.apse.org/>

As an APSE member you also receive access to the Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation